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#### MARKED GRAVES OF SCOTCHISH PIONEERS

Ancient Headstones Unearthed In Abandoned Cemetery At Cape George ANTIGONISH, Dec 30 - In the gravure section of the Sunday Leader of Dec 27th, appears a cut of a wooden tombstone in the Naval cemetery, Halifax, erected over a hundred years ago. In an abandoned forest grown cemetery at Cape George, Antigonish County, there were unearthed last summer in June, two fallen and almost obliterated headstones bearing the following inscriptions:

Sacred To The Memory Of  
Helen  
Wife of  
David BALLANTYNE  
Who Died 15th of February 1822  
Aged 50 Years  
Her mother died the 15th, of July  
And her father, Geo. MORRISON, who  
Died the VII Of Dec.  
MDCCCXVII In The LXXX Year  
Of Their Age And LVI Year  
Since Their Marriage

In Memory  
Of  
David BALLANTYNE  
A Native Of Strathaven In  
West Scotland And Formerly  
Non-Commissioned Officer  
In The 82d. Regiment Of  
In Which Capacity He  
Came To This Province  
in 1783  
He died At Cape George On  
The 12th Of Jan. 1843, Aged  
83 Years  
Having resided there for 4(?) years  
"The Memory of the Just Is Blessed"

Mr Ballantyne came to Nova Scotia a short time before his wife. It is believed that he was one of the first Scottish immigrants to land in Prince Edward Island, moving shortly afterwards to Cape George. His wife Helen, was a member of the historic party which landed at Pictou from the ship Hector. Ballantyne's Cove, Antigonish County which is really Cape George, derives its name from this pioneer couple.